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Country - Poland/Italy
Subject - Polish-Italian Trade Developments: Sulphur/Chemicals/Iron/
Coal/Glass Phials

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Date of Information - Aug-Sept 53

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1. "During August and September 1953 the following developments took place in Polish-Italian trade:

- (a) A contract to deliver 500 tons of sulphur was arranged with the Sicilian mines. Because of the economic difficulties of these mines Poland offered a price far below that recognized on the international market. No details available so far. [Early October 1953]
- (b) The Polish commercial office is now asking for deliveries of beryl, liquid chlorine and chemicals used in processing steel: wolfram carbide, titanium carbide and tetraethyl lead. For some of these chemicals, such as tetraethyl, the office is offering any price requested. Poland is also asking for chemicals used in processing leather.
- (c) The Italian steel mills in Milan - the Falk mills in particular - have received an order for 10,000 tons of iron. I do not know the grade specified. It is deliverable on an exchange basis with coal, at \$13.40 per ton loco Polish frontier.
- (d) Poland recently [date not specified] sold 30,000 tons of coal on a clearing basis to Italy. The Polish commercial office is trying to place more coal on the Italian market on this same basis.
- (e) VARIMEX have placed a request on the market for delivery of 15,000 double necked glass phials measuring 143 mm in length, 33-35 mm in diameter and with a neck length of 92 mm. I do not know whether a contract has been signed."

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